

REMARKS

This is a response to the office action dated September 9, 2008. In this action, all 20 pending claims are rejected. This response addresses all rejected claims.

Claim objections

Claim 4 is amended by deleting "an" from line 8, as suggested in the office action. Examiner is respectfully requested to review and enter the amendment.

Claim rejections

Claims 4-20 forming Group I of the restricted set of claims were presented for examination. All pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on a set of related references cited by the Examiner, "ReachOut".

Applicant amended independent claims 4 & 15 to clarify the features of these claims by reciting (a) that the network was the Internet; and (b) that the requester accesses the information object via a second computer running an Internet browser program; and (c) that there was no need to install special software on the second computer. This recitation is supported by the disclosure and does not add any new matter to the claim. Examiner is respectfully requested to review and enter the amendment.


These features patentably distinguish the present Independent claim 4 from the cited references because on page 9 of the document "ReachOut Remote Control Host User's Guide," it is clearly stated that "For ReachOut to make the connection between the computers, you must install ReachOut on both computers." Not requiring special software to be installed in the second computer is a key feature of the presently claimed invention. This is believed to be a patentably distinguishable feature of the present invention versus the cited reference.

Conclusion

In light of the claim amendments, further examination and an early notice of allowance are requested. A new fee computation sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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